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Environmental Audit Held at SE Aggregates Site

- Did you know that Lafarge North America has an Environmental Policy?
- More importantly, how do you perform your job each day, ensuring that you're doing your part to implement the Lafarge Environmental Policy?

These were some of the questions posed to employees of the Lafarge Aggregates Southeast, Clayton County Quarry by Regional President, Fred Kempf during a recent environmental audit. The environmental audit was conducted to determine compliance with environmental permits and conformance to the division's regional environmental management system, consisting of a records review, a site assessment, and employee interviews. Members of the Audit Team included: Fred Kempf, President, Jim Forbes, Regional Environmental Manager, and Richard Pearson, Area Manager. Joyceann Lee and Jenny Humphreys represented the Divisional Environmental staff. Plant personnel participants were Doug Clayton, Plant Manager, Connie Golden, EMS Representative, James Willingham, Plant Foreman, Lynn Holman, QC Technician, Jason Morrow, Plant Operator.



During the interview process, a reoccurring theme heard from the employees was that everyone has a responsibility to perform his or her job in an environmentally sound way. Roger Turner, Primary Crusher Operator, recognized that working conditions are improved and there's less impact on neighbors when we control our dust emissions. This is extremely important as neighbors are customers, (and in some cases our customers' customer), as they drive on roads and live and work in buildings made from our products. How we impact our neighbor directly effects our customers and our business. Fredrick Morris, Water Truck Driver stated that everyone works together as a team identifying and correcting issues, and looking at ourselves from the perspective of others. Fredrick told the audit team that forethought goes into even routine activities, such as scheduling maintenance on the water truck for rainy days, when it is not in use for dust control.



Fred Kempf communicated to those present the importance of good environmental performance to the success of our company and the consequences of a bad environmental record. To be successful, proper attention must be given to environmental matters in our day-to-day operations.

Employee feedback indicated that they were impressed with Mr. Kempf's participation in the audit. His involvement emphasized the commitment to continued improvement in our environmental performance as stated in the Lafarge Environmental Policy. Interviewees appreciated the opportunity to provide input into how our environmental performance could be improved and enjoyed being able to express their own experiences in protecting the environment through their daily activities.

Interviews will continue to be a part of the environmental audit process. Who best knows how to protect the environment than those working in it everyday?